

DOMAINES BARONS DE ROTHSCHILD (LAFITE)

LOS VASCOS

GRANDE RÉSERVE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2005

BACKGROUND

Los Vascos wines blend Lafite tradition with the unique terroir of Chile to create elegant wines that bring exceptional to the everyday. The vision of Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) to expand their estate took them to South America in 1988, becoming the first French viticultural investment in modern Chile. Since then, a comprehensive modernization and investment program has been undertaken, oriented towards the production of fine wine using and adapting the viticultural experiences of Bordeaux and other areas where Domaines Barons de Rothschild (Lafite) is present.

Los Vascos is located in Valley de Caneten (Colchagua), a closed valley in the central zone of Chile, approximately 25 miles from the sea. The valley provides a perfect microclimate for high quality viticulture, with Northern exposure to lands uncontaminated by airborne or waterborne pollutants. Daily on-shore winds provide temperature changes between 68-77°F, for optimum maturation of the grapes.

APPELLATION

Colchagua Valley, Chile

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Carmenère, 5% Syrah, 5% Malbec

VINTAGE NOTES

High temperatures during the summer stopped the evolution of the grapes for a while and delayed the harvest. Happily, a sunny but mild autumn permitted waiting for ideal ripeness and very good concentration of the grapes.

WINEMAKING

The “Grande Reserve” is made mostly (75%) from the grapes of old vines of Cabernet Sauvignon of the Estate which are almost 70 years old and meticulously controlled for low yields, picked from the 25th March to the 14th of April. From this vintage 2005, other grape varieties (Carmenère, Syrah and Malbec) take on more influence in the blend and give greater aromatic complexity and more typical varietal characters. The Carmenère, a late ripening vine well adapted to Chile, was harvested on the 27th of April.

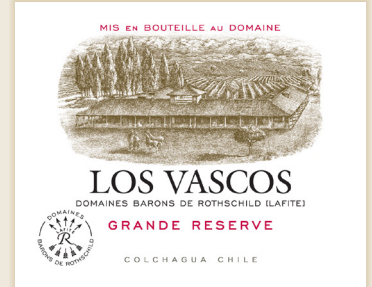
AGEING

The wine was aged for 12 months in French oak barrels (20% new).

TASTING NOTES

The colour is an impressive intense ruby. The nose explodes with fruit: cherry, strawberry, raspberry, plum, light mint and black pepper. The oak and the toast of the barrels do not dominate the fruit and bring delicious aromas of coffee, tobacco, cinnamon and “crème brûlée”. In the mouth, the wine is wonderfully concentrated and juicy. The finish shows intense fruit of cherry and strawberry with a nice touch of liquorice. Well balanced, without any heaviness, this velvety and luscious wine is delicious to taste now but the tannins still need to mature for a while before it becomes ideal for drinking.

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BRING EXCEPTIONAL TO THE EVERYDAY

“The Spirit of Lafite means to me that every bottle of Los Vascos is made with high standards delivering wines of elegance and finesse in the tradition of our great Bordeaux house—Château Lafite.”

— Baron Eric de Rothschild



WINEMAKER

Marcelo Gallardo

Olivier Tregouat

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol
14.5%



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